

Appl. No. 09/889,938  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/889,938  
Applicant : Kenneth Richards et al.  
Filed : December 11, 2001  
Title : Method for Conveying BNYVV Resistance to Sugar Beet Plants  
Group Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : Ashwin D. Mehta

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on December 24, 2003 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on March 24, 2004. Therefore, a two-month extension of time will bring the response due on May 24, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee (and Notice of Appeal fee). A Notice of Appeal in response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 24, 2004.

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